

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING APRIL 18, 2016**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Tyler Moore, and Member Brad Bray. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell, Assistant County Attorney Alan D. Wilson, and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Vice President Moore offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the April 4, 2016 Regular Meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Highway Department Engineer / Superintendent Ted Cain submitted the Quotes for a 2016 Single-Axle Cab & Chassis as follows:

Wiers International Trucks	\$75,675.00
Norris Truck Service	\$76,264.09
West Michigan Intl., LLC	\$77,166.26

Mr. Cain recommends that the Dump Truck be purchased from Wiers International Trucks, in the amount of \$75,675.00 as the lowest quote. The quote also includes a trade-in amount of \$600.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the purchase of the 2016 Single-Axle Cab & Chassis Dump Truck from Wiers International Trucks, in the amount of \$75,675.00 to be paid from Highway funds.

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

1) Special Projects Manager Pam Isaac submitted a Memorandum of Understanding for the Small Business Rent Abatement Grant for Alexander's. Alexander's will be a specialty jewelry, high-end fragrances, handbags, etc. and will be located at 117 West Sycamore Street, downtown Kokomo. The Grant is for \$5,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance for a \$5,000.00 rent abatement grant for Alexander's. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

2) Ms. Isaac submitted another Memorandum of Understanding for a Small Business Rent Abatement Grant for Wings, etc., in the amount of \$5,000.00. Wings, etc. will be located at 113 East Sycamore Street, Downtown Kokomo. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Wings, etc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried with two aye votes. Mr. Wyman abstained from the vote.

#### **911 DISPATCH:**

Dispatch Coordinator Gary Bates submitted an Agreement between Howard County and Word Systems, Inc. for a Digital Voice Logging System. This updated system will be compatible with the P-25 Radio Project. The agreement is for one year, in the amount of \$61,628.00 and will auto renew on an annual basis. Mr. Bates, the Information Systems Department, and Attorney Murrell have reviewed the agreement and it is ready for Board approval. This will be paid from 911 Funds. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Agreement with Word System for a Digital Voice Logging System, in the amount of \$61,628.00, and authorize President Wyman to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE BID PACKAGE FOR THE HARDEST HIT PROPERTY DEMOLITION:**

On behalf of Grant Coordinator Tina Henderson, Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the Bid package for demolition of the identified blighted property located at 3315 West County Road 50 South, through the Hardest Hit Fund. The Notice to Bidders will be turned in to the papers tomorrow, and bids (with specifications) are available for pick-up in the Plan Commission office. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to approve the Demolition Bid Package and its distribution for the

blighted property located at 3315 West County Road 50 South, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** Commissioners' Salary, Hourly and Overtime claims payable April 20 & 29, 2016, in the amount of \$378,646.73 each, were submitted, and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims payable today, in the amount of \$752,391.65 were submitted. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried to approve the Commissioners' Operating claims as submitted.
3. **Confirm Signature:** Ms. Lake submitted three early paid claims that Mr. Wyman signed: Super Laundry, J & K Communications, and Nationwide Capital. Ms. Lake also submitted an early paid claim signed by Mr. Moore for Brad Howell Ford. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to ratify Mr. Wyman's signature on three claims and to ratify Mr. Moore's signature on one claim, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Ms. Lake submitted the following reports: Howard County Recorder Reports for the months of January, February, and March, 2016; Clerk's Report for the month of March, 2016; Treasurer's Report for the months ending January 31, 2016, February 29, 2016, and March 31, 2016; Weights & Measures Report for the month of March 16 – April 15, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to accept all reports as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the following issues for the Board's information and approval:

1. **2016-BCCO-13:** Mr. Murrell submitted Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-13, amending the original Deputy Sidearm Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-25. A new paragraph 4 was added as follows:

“The Howard County Sheriff's Merit Board is hereby authorized to transfer the sidearm of a Howard County Deputy killed in the line of duty to his or her surviving spouse, regardless of the Officer's eligibility for retirement benefits.”

This action is being done in honor and memory of fallen officer Carl Koontz. Sheriff Rogers submitted and confirmed that this action has been approved by the Howard County Sheriff's Merit Board, and signed by their president, Ron Metz, through a document written by Sheriff Rogers. Mr. Moore asked what would happen if the Officer was unmarried. Sheriff Rogers confirmed that when and if this scenario happened it would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. The proposed Ordinance does meet guidelines set by the Federal and State laws and any recipient must meet the requirements to be licensed. A motion was made by Mr. Bray to approve Ordinance No. 2016-BCCO-13, amending Ordinance No. 2010-BCCO-25 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.

2. **Notice of Termination:** Mr. Murrell informed the Commissioners that Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Bill Stonestreet requested that Mr. Murrell prepare a Notice of Termination to Thyssenkrupp/AMCO for Elevator Service. The contract shall terminate on August 31, 2016. Mr. Stonestreet is not satisfied with the service at this time and would like to obtain future quotes from other vendors to grease and check all the County building elevators. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried to approve the Notice of Termination to Thyssenkrupp/AMCO as submitted.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

**COMMISSIONER MOORE:**

- 1) Mr. Moore submitted Emergency Management Agency's March and April Calendars and April Event Listing, and they were accepted on a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.
- 2) Mr. Moore reported that tomorrow is the quarterly North Central Indiana Regional Partnership meeting. They will be electing officers and looking at the progress of the Workforce Development Grant, in which Howard County was the lead applicant.

*There being no further business to come before the Board at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. on a motion made by  
Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bray and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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TYLER O. MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
Howard County Commissioner Meeting April 18, 2016